

Definition of Rotary

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of 31,936 Rotary clubs in 166 countries.

Rotary is not a political organization, but all Rotarians are vitally concerned with everything pertaining to good citizenship and the election of good men and women to public office.

Rotary is not a charitable organization, yet its activities exemplify the charity and the sacrifices that one should expect from people who believe that they have a responsibility to help others.

Rotary is not a religious organization, but it is built on those eternal principles that have served as the moral compass for people throughout the ages.

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. The ideal of service is fostered; through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

RI Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.

Rotary Programs

This Week - September 7 - Kenan Kern, District Chair, Rotary Foundation, and District Governor Elect
Rotarian of the Day: Dick Marcott

Last Meeting - August 31 - Classification Talks by Club Members & Special Feature on Make-Ups by Robbie Hattaway, Jr.
Rotarian of the Day: Paul Dean

Last Week's Program

New Rotarians Jim Saturday and Roy Moore gave their classification talks. Jim has moved his construction company to Milledgeville from Florida and is now actively engaged in several projects. Roy became associate vice president for academic affairs at GC&SU last spring, moving from the University of Kentucky. Membership Chair and Past President Robbie Hattaway, Jr., spoke to the Club about the importance of recruiting new members, and he reviewed how to make up a missed meeting, offering to visit with anyone who needs help with online makeups.

Guests

Bob HaleJohn Ferguson
Jason MillerAngie Gheesling
Rich Kisida.....Robbie Hattaway
Claudia RamirezRobbie Hattaway
Tracy Kitchens.....Gene Trammell
Hank GriffithLyn Chandler

Visiting Rotarians

Mark SmithEastman

Absentees

Black, Brown, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Dyer, Gandy, Gunn, Hicks, Leavitt, Morgan, Muggridge, B. Murphey Jr., Parker, Peevy, Prather, Purvis, Theus, Tyson, Van Horn, Williams

Makeups

Roger NoelOnline
Carl BuiceMacon

 **CART Fund:** Ed Hall will match Donation of \$26.00 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - August 31, 2006

George Clark with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.

48 Cards Left Pot: \$131.00



Next Week's Program

Visit of District Governor Bill Blankenship

Milledgeville Rotary looks forward to the visit of District Governor Bill Blankenship on September 14. Bill retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1989. In his second career he was the Director of the St. Marys Public Library in Camden County, Georgia, for 11 years until his retirement in 2002. Now, Bill is one of the owners of the Georgia Fence Company, a family owned and operated business in Camden County, Georgia.

September 2006

Rotarian Birthdays

Mark Bell
Bob Haney
Brad Oliver
Tom Reese
Joel Romines



Upcoming Programs

September 14 - Visit of District Governor Bill Blankenship
Rotarian of the Day: Tara Dyer

September 21 - Suzanne Yoculan, UGA Women's Gymnastics Coach
Rotarian of the Day: Charles Ennis

September 28 - Jonathan Alderman, President of Macon Rotary Club
Rotarian of the Day: John Ferguson



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville

MEMBER PROFILE

Jeff Gray

Rotarian Jeff Gray was born in Atlanta and grew up in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He attended Clemson on an Army ROTC Scholarship and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was Commissioned a Regular Army officer and served in Europe, Japan and several domestic duty stations. He met the former Pam Donnelly of Milledgeville while stationed at Ft Stewart. She was teaching elementary school in Hinesville. They were introduced by friends on a blind date and have been married for 17 years. They have two daughters, Sara 14, and Meg 11. Both girls attend GMC Prep School.

Jeff joined the Rotary Club of Sandersville four years ago and enjoyed the ideals, goals and projects of Rotary. He transferred his membership to Milledgeville when he became the Assistant Director of Engineering at GMC last summer.

This is Jeff's first time serving on the Board of Directors and he is enjoying being an active part of the club as the Club Service II Director. When he is not working he enjoyed spending time on the lake with his family. He loves to hunt in the spring and fall.

Dates to Remember

September 14, 2006 - Called Board Meeting, 11 am before Club Meeting, Union-Recorder Conference Room

District Governor Visit - Bill Blankenship visits the club

November 2, 2006 - Rotary Club of Milledgeville Annual Auction, Milledgeville Country Club

November 4, 2006 - District Governor Visit - Bill Blankenship visits Milledgeville at Sweetwater Festival

District News - District Governor Offers Thanks, Plans for Success

It is Saturday morning, Aug. 5, and as I look out my window, I see the sky darkening and the summer afternoon storm clouds are starting to form. As I reflect on the past month, I have wonderful feelings of joy from meeting the members of the 18 Rotary clubs I have visited.

Each Rotarian and each Rotary Club is unique, yet share in efforts to make their community and our world a better place to live. I have found that Rotary clubs do more good works than they record.

Plans for membership growth are being enthusiastically implemented. I take great pride in your support of Our Rotary Foundation. Caring, taking-action Rotarians are planning for another stellar year in support of our Georgia Rotary Student Program.

Each club that I have visited has shown enthusiasm for the Hybrid Raffle Ticket Holiday Campaign. The net proceeds of the raffle will be divided between the (Our) Rotary Foundation and the (Our) Georgia Rotary Student Program. As these two endowment funds grow, we can do more to resolve the poverty, literacy, world peace and cultural understanding challenges in our community and the world.

Please employ the strategies in the acronym SEA - Self Example and Ask - to make membership growth and the Hybrid Raffle Ticket Holiday Campaign a success.

Giving hybrid raffle tickets as gifts is an action that will result in multiple positive outcomes. Asking a potential Rotarian to come to a Rotary meeting and enjoy a meal with you will bring us new members. At least two or three times a month, please mail payment and the filled-out side of the hybrid raffle ticket stubs to: Rotary Hybrid Raffle, P.O. Box 931, Kingsland, GA 31548.

You Rotarians have provided significant service. Making a list would require excessive volume. Today, hundreds of thousands of people are alive, not crippled, fed and have safe water because of Rotarians. It is an honor for me to be a Rotarian and a privilege to have Rotarians as friends. Thank each of you for all that you do to make our world a better place to live.

- District Governor Bill

Area Rotary Club Make-Up Meeting Sites

Perry - Mon 12:00 - New Perry Hotel, downtown Perry

Macon - Mon 1:00 - First Presbyterian Church

Cochran - Tue 12:00 - Community House, 3rd St next to MGC

Warner Robins - Tue 12:00 - Wellston Center, 155 Maple St.

Centerville - Tue 7:30 - Piccadilly, 2745 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins

Downtown Macon - Wed 12:30 - Macon Centreplex, just off I-16

Jones County - Thu 12:00 - Big Sky Restaurant, Hwy 129, Gray

Sandersville - Thu 1:00 - Twin City Country Club, Hwy 68

Dublin - Fri 12:00 - Dublin Country Club, East off Hwy 441 N

International News - Indian Rotarians help treat over 1,000 patients in Lesotho

Show Rotarians a community in need, and they will beat a path to it. And so they did with Lesotho, a country that many people would fail to place on a map.

In May, a team of Indian Rotarians helped tackle some of the health care challenges of the tiny mountain kingdom, which is completely surrounded by South Africa.

The group, whose 17 members consisted of surgeons, anesthesiologists, a pathologist, and some nonmedical volunteers, operated under the umbrella of the Intercontinental Medicare Project.

With support from Past RI President Raja Saboo, the Intercontinental Medicare Project was founded by Indian Rotarians who wanted to share their nation's growing medical expertise with countries coping with poor health infrastructures and a shortage of doctors and nurses. Lesotho is ranked 149th out of 177 countries and territories in the 2005 Human Development Index compiled by the United Nations Development Programme. It has a doctor-to-patient ratio of 1 to 16,000.

Together with local doctors and Rotarians, the visiting team worked for 10 days at Maseru's Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, where they provided free treatment to 1,206 patients in need of specialized care.

The Indian Rotarians offered medical consultations and performed surgeries to address a variety of cosmetic, visual, gynecologic, orthopedic, and urological conditions. Some ophthalmologists had to travel high up into the mountains on a winding road to reach elderly patients who couldn't make the seven-hour trip to the hospital.

Past District Governor R.S. Parmar, a doctor on the team, recalls the most difficult gynecological case they addressed, which involved a 24-year-old patient who had suffered so long from fibroids that she desperately wanted a hysterectomy. The surgeons persuaded her to give them a chance to treat the fibroids so she could have a child if she ever wanted to. And they succeeded.

"The glow in her eyes and the pleasant smile on her face said everything," says Parmar. "It was so refreshing and rewarding that all our tensions, tiredness, and apprehensions vanished in thin air. This single case more than justified our being on the team."

The \$42,000 Lesotho mission was cosponsored by Rotary districts 3130 and 3080 (India), 6200 (USA), and 9320 (Lesotho; South Africa). It was partially funded by a contribution from The Rotary Foundation.

"We in Lesotho can only confirm that the Intercontinental Medicare Project is indeed a great one," says Frank Baffoe, a member of the Rotary Club of Maloti-Maseru. "The benefits it brought to the needy, sick members of our communities are hard to describe or quantify."

"We are grateful to the team of doctors who came here on behalf of Rotary International," says Motloheloa Phooko, Lesotho's health and social welfare minister. "They have done a wonderful job of treating the needy patients with their skill and expertise."

The growing list of countries that have benefited from the Intercontinental Medicare Project includes Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

(1) Earn a make-up for sponsoring a new member. (2) Earn a make-up by volunteering at a local school. (3) Earn a make-up for visiting another Rotary Club. (4) Earn one make-up per quarter by visiting the e-club at www.rotaryclubone.org and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).